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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Lynn Y. Shimada

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Title: Method and Software Article for Selecting
Electronic Payment of Vendors in an
Automated Payment Environment

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby respectfully requests continued examination of the above-referenced patent application, and provides this amendment and fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114. The following Amendment and Response addresses every rejection set forth in the Office Action mailed April 27, 2004, thus placing the application in condition for allowance.